

Unite the Right Rally

August 12, 2017

Division III, Area 18 – Charlottesville

Virginia State Police



BFO Director/Deputy Director

Kerry L. Simola

Date

8/11/17

BASS Director/Deputy Director

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8/19/17

Communications Officer

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of State Police is to assist the Charlottesville Police Department and to provide general security and safety of persons and protection of property in and around Emancipation Park (formally Lee Park) and McIntire Park in the City of Charlottesville. Additional groups are expected to be in attendance to protest or show their support for the rally. Our primary objective is to provide support to the Charlottesville Police Department, prevent any acts of violence, and to prevent any group or individual from disrupting the scheduled and permitted rally.

Introduction

On August 12, 2017 Jason Kessler a local Alt-Right activist is scheduled to hold a Unite the Right rally in Emancipation Park (formally Lee Park) in the City of Charlottesville. The permitted rally is scheduled from 1200 to 1700 hours. Kessler and group will be arriving to begin setting up at 1000 hours.

The permit application indicates an attendance of approximately 400 people is expected.

Both Alt-Right/affiliates and groups in opposition have made it known that violence is an option for self-defense. Many

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individuals (on both sides) have indicated they will be openly carrying firearms.

The safety and security of our Members is paramount within any operation. Members should be vigilant to be as proactive with safety concerns as possible.

Command and Control

Command positions will be started accordingly.

Incident Command:

Incident Commander: Major Lenmuel S. Terry

Deputy Incident Commander: Captain Craig C. Worsham

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Liaison Officer: Captain Caren M. Sterling

Public Information Officer: Corinne Geller

Ms. Geller is responsible for formulating and releasing information to the news media and other appropriate agencies.

Deputy Incident Commander: Captain Keith S. Keesee

Operations: Lieutenant David O. Cooper II

Finance/Administration: Lieutenant R. Shawn Pillow

Logistics: First Sergeant Christopher D. Clark

Venue Security:

Lieutenant Becky G. Crannis-Curl

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Lieutenant Matthew T. Patterson

Tactical Field Force:

Alpha Platoon

Lieutenant Michael G. Musser

Bravo Platoon

Captain James E. DeFord. Sr.

Charlie Platoon

Captain Steven L. Chumley

Delta Platoon

Lieutenant Donald W. Jones

TACT TEAM:

Team Leader

Serqeant Shane E. Nelson

TEMS:

Public Information Officer:

Public Relations Director

Corinne Geller

Assignment Instructions

Additionally, please review and be guided by the below instructions from the

1. Pre-assignment hydration, warning against alcohol usage and energy drinks the day prior to the event
2. Availability of hydration and snacks during the event. Concentration on water, electrolytes, sugars, and salts
3. Lunch, if not provided, repeated direction to responding units to be self-sustained for prolonged operations
- 4.
5. Change of socks
6. Please notify TEMS medics of any prior medical injury, like prior cases of heat emergency

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City of Charlottesville Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
Room 331, City Hall
P.O. Box 911
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 970-3176
Riot Control Statutes:

- §18.2-404 Obstructing free passage of others class 1 misdemeanor.
- §18.2-405 What constitutes a riot? Unlawful force or violence by 3 or more persons acting together class 5 felony.
- §18.2-406 What constitutes an unlawful assembly? Assembly actually tends to inspire persons, class 5 felony.
- §18.2-407 Remaining at a place of a riot, class 3 misdemeanor.
- §18.2-408 Conspiracy, incitement, etc. to a riot, class 5 felony.
- §18.2-409 Resisting or obstructing execution of legal process class 1 misdemeanor.
- §18.2-410 Power of Governor to summon law enforcement agencies; National Guard support.
- §18.2-411 Dispersal of unlawful or riotous assemblies; duties of officers (give time for the crowd to disperse).
- §18.2-414 Injury to property or persons unlawfully or riotously assembled, class 6 felony.
- §18.2-51.1 Malicious bodily injury to law-enforcement officers, class 5 felony 5-30 years.

Purpose/Procedures:

In a civil disturbance it may become necessary to make arrests of numerous individuals over a short period of time. The purpose of this plan is to provide guidance for mass arrests during civil disobedience to ensure protection of life, property, and the civil rights of our citizens. Also, to ensure for the safety of our Troopers, other Law-Enforcement Officers involved. The plans must consider the possibility that arrests will exceed normal capability of jails and transportation of inmates. Planning for the transportation and the lawful processing of offenders arrested is vital to ensuring rights of due process are not violated and liability to the Department is minimized.

1. are responsible for the following:
 - a. The receipt and process of prisoners taken into custody by
 - b. Opening the initial report and photography of suspect with arresting Trooper.
 - c. Ensuring that the arresting officer completes and signs the DC 311 Criminal Complaint Form.

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- d. Fingerprinting the suspect and advice of rights.
- e. Attempts to obtain a statement from the suspect.
- f. Presenting suspects before a magistrate and presenting information to magistrate for obtaining arrest warrant(s) and committal order(s).

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Proper planning and resource acquisition will permit quick and effective process of criminal offenders.

- d. The prisoner will be transported to the booking location and presented to a BCI Mass Arrest Team for further processing.

Use of Force/Rules of Engagement

The Department's Use of Force Policy set forth in General Order OPR 05.01 of the *State Police Manual* will remain in effect for the duration of this event. The response to unlawful behavior will be in accordance with this policy. The reasonableness of force used to affect a seizure is determined by balancing the nature and quality of the intrusion on the individuals Fourth Amendment interests against the governmental interests at stake. Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386, 396-397 (1989) in determining the governmental interest, the Court will consider three factors:

1. The severity of the crime at issue.
2. Whether the suspect posed an immediate threat to the safety of the Troopers or others.
3. Whether the suspect was actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight.

In all situations, the force used must be objectively reasonable under the totality of the circumstances.

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Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting.

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Anyone who sustains an injury or reports an injury during the process of being arrested or while a member of this Department is deploying force, shall be offered medical attention as soon as it is safe and prudent to do so.

All injuries to members of this Department shall be reported to a supervisor assigned to this event as soon as possible, and in all instances prior to departing from the assignment.

Lawful Assembly

Free speech and assembly are protected by the First Amendment and include:

- Speeches
- Marches
- Demonstrations
- Rallies
- Picketing
- Public assemblies
- Protests
- Celebratory events

Isolated Unlawful Behavior

Isolated unlawful activity by individuals or small groups within a crowd should not automatically form the basis for the declaration of an unlawful assembly.

Examples:

- Isolated destruction of property
- Isolated acts of violence

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- Isolated rock or bottle throwers
- Individual sit down demonstrators, prevention of free passage.

Unlawful Assembly

Assemblies become unlawful and may be dispersed when they become violent, pose a clear and present danger of violence, or the group is breaking other laws. If crimes are taking place, action may be taken to disperse the group. This may be done prior to warnings if necessary to stop crimes from being committed. Examples:

- Commit unlawful acts
- Vandalism
- Destruction of property
- Commit lawful acts in a threatening and disorderly manner where violence is likely; threats to do bodily harm, weapons present, violent actions.

Riot

A riot can be defined as a group of two or more people that commit crimes against people and property. The group may use force against the public/police in a disturbance of public peace or other acts of violence or threats.

Weapons may be present that can cause serious injury to death i.e., Molotov cocktails, sling shots, bats, pipes, etc. The wearing of masks would suggest a criminal reason to hide identity and is unlawful in Virginia.

Communications

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Risk Assessment

The safety and well-being of all attendees and our sworn members is of the utmost concern during this assignment. All personnel should become familiar with this operation plan, their individual assignment and responsibilities in particular. The sworn member in charge will conduct a safety assessment and a briefing will be conducted for all personnel.

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Assignments

Media Contacts

A significant presence of local, regional, and national media are expected to be in attendance of this event. Should any particular problem develop involving a member of the media, it should be reported immediately to a supervisor and/or the Department's Public Relations Director.

UC JIC/Lead Event PIO: Ms. Miriam Dickler, City of Charlottesville
Communications Director

Albemarle County JIC/Social Media:

Emancipation Park/Lead Public Safety and Field PIO: Corinne Geller, Virginia
State Police

Administrative Section

General Rules of Conduct

It is essential that good judgment be exercised at all times. During the course of the assignment, all personnel will present an alert and professional image and refrain from congregating, and leaning on walls in view of participants. Be polite, courteous, and patient at all times and in all dealings with the public.

The use of alcoholic beverages by sworn employees on this assignment is strictly prohibited. In addition, during this assignment, use of tobacco products is prohibited.

Uniform / Personal Appearance

Sworn members are encouraged to keep several business cards on their person in order to provide to _____ to expedite the arrest process.

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Uniforms will be clean, with clarino and leather highly shined. All sworn employees will report with a fresh haircut which is in strict compliance with General Order ADM 3.01 of the State Police Manual.

Meals / Expense Accounts

Lodging

Vehicles

Our vehicles will be highly visible and should present an excellent appearance. All vehicles will be kept clean both inside and out for the duration of the event. Vehicle interiors and trunk space will be cleared of all extraneous and non-essential items to provide space for support personnel and their equipment.

Unite the Right
Rally, August 12, 2017. This will be documented on
each employee's SP-106 for this event. On your SP-106 use the assigned
in the required overtime certification block for all hours

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related this assignment. Additionally, please include this on ALL
expenditure documents directly related to this event

Overtime / Compensation

All Overtime Pay / Compensatory Leave will be in accordance with
of the State Police Manual.

Hospital / Trauma Center

Hospital / Trauma Center
University of Virginia Hospital – Level II Trauma Center
1215 Lee Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 924-0000

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Fundamental Responsibilities (subject to change, addition, or subtraction)

Please See Appendix #3 for Medical Plan

Towing Companies / Wrecker List

If a towing service is needed during this assignment, please contact

Injuries

All employees are required to notify a supervisor of any injury sustained during this assignment. Employees are also instructed to report all injuries involving participants and prisoners should they occur. Any injury to members during this event will be reported to a VSP supervisor and a SP-1, physician panel, and workers comp forms will be completed and forwarded within established guidelines

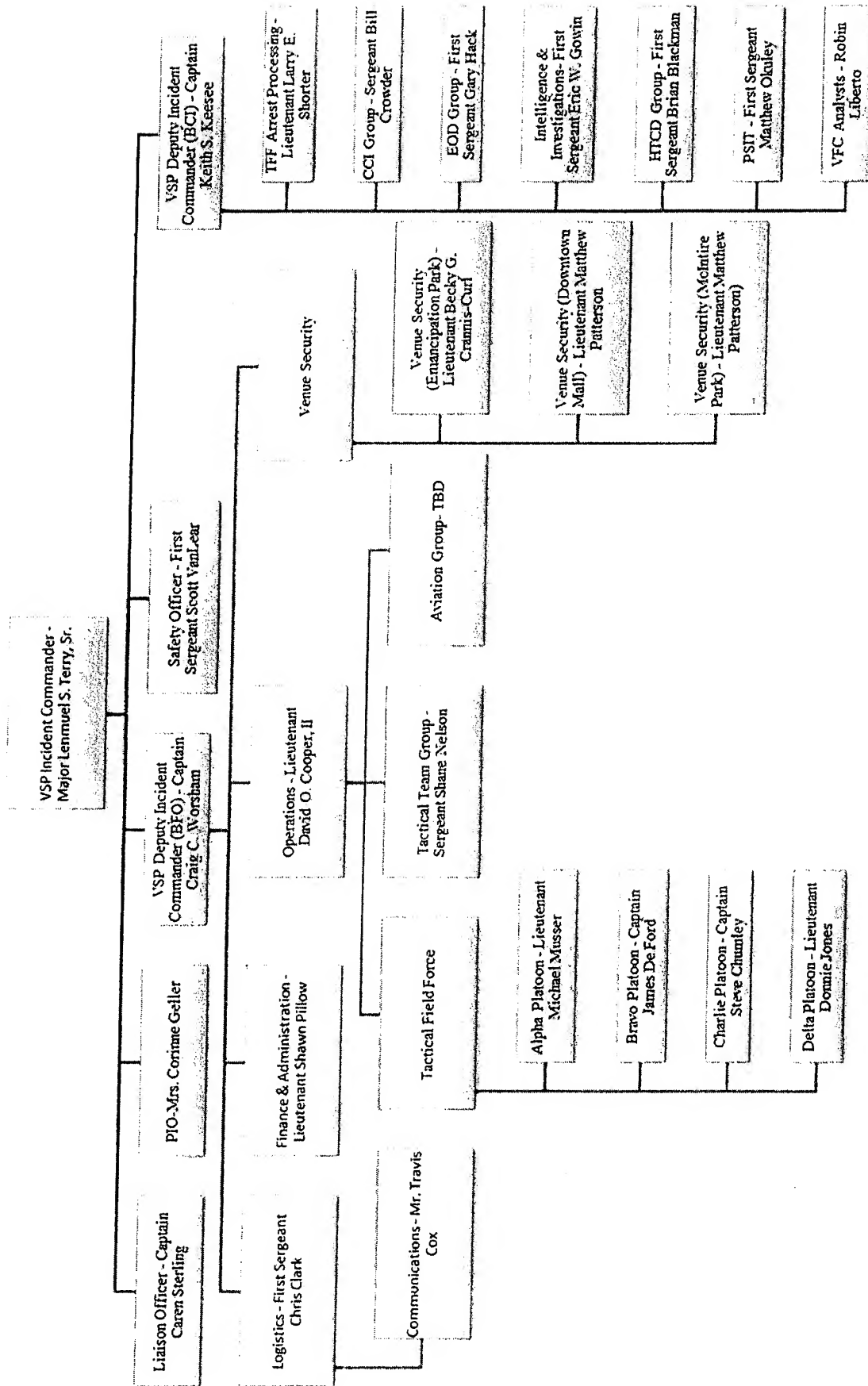
General Information

Equipment and Supplies:

In the event of issued equipment being lost or damaged, report this information to a squad leader or supervisor.

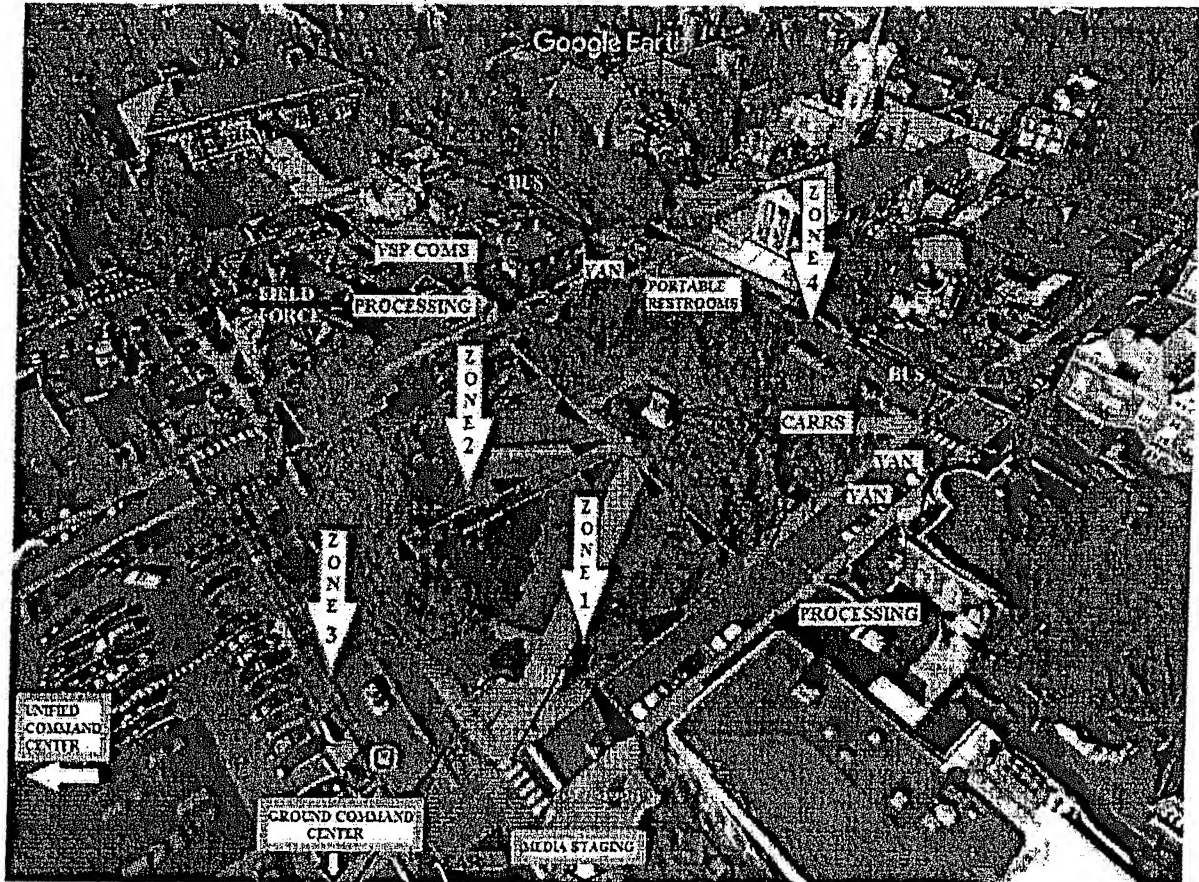
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OVERALL VIEW OF EMANCIPATION PARK





McIntire Park



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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Appomattox

August 10, 2017

TO:

FROM: Captain Craig C. Worsham

SUBJECT: Unite the Right Rally – Special Event
Lodging, August 11 – 13, 2017

Please see below

Each employee will be responsible for and submitting the
in the required timeframe. Please utilize
Unite the Right Rally, August 12, 2017, on each submitted

Total

9

BCI
Total

83
573

Total

8

Total

51

Total

56

BFO

52

Total

52

Total

52

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29

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August 12, 2017
(To be inserted in the VSP Operations Plan)

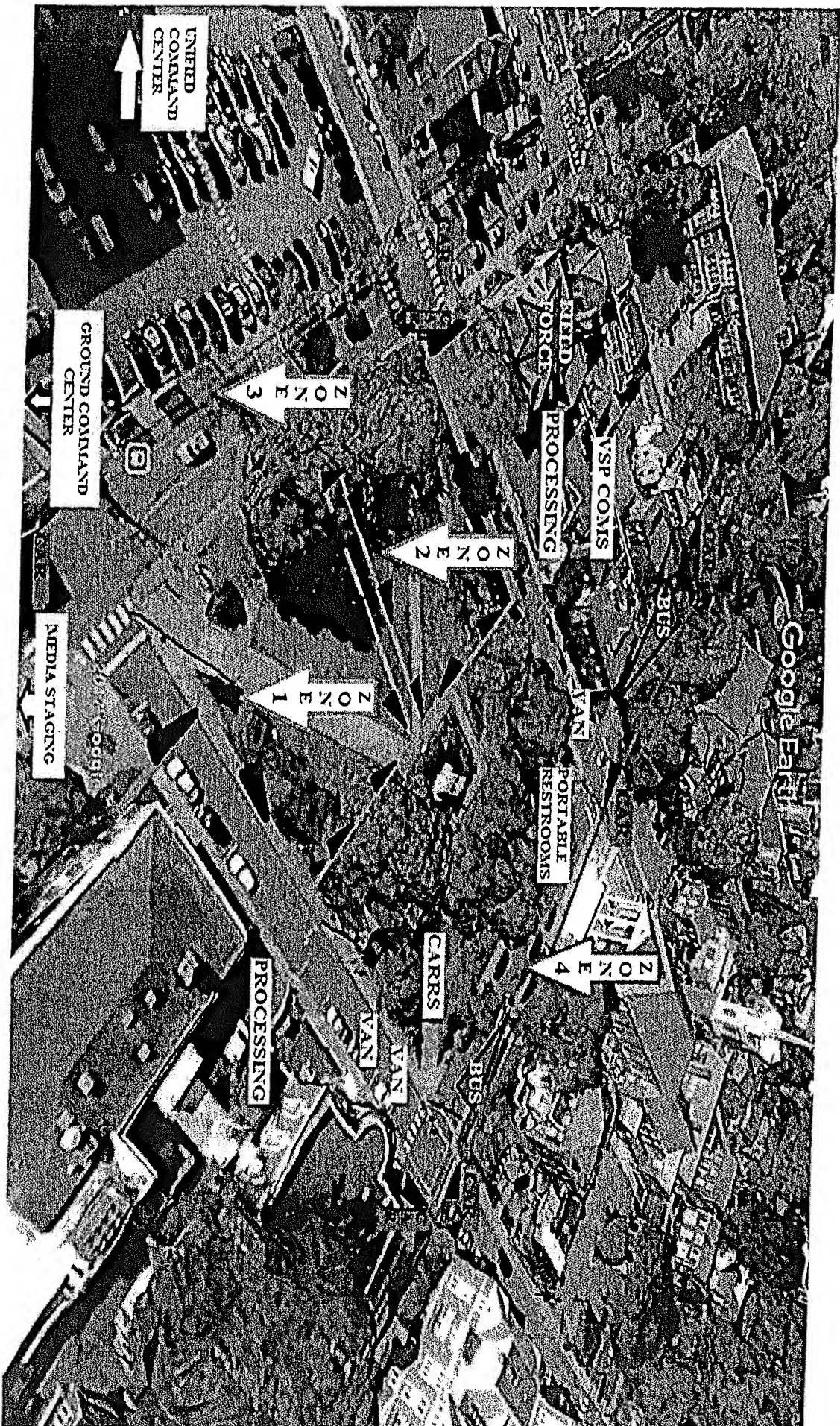
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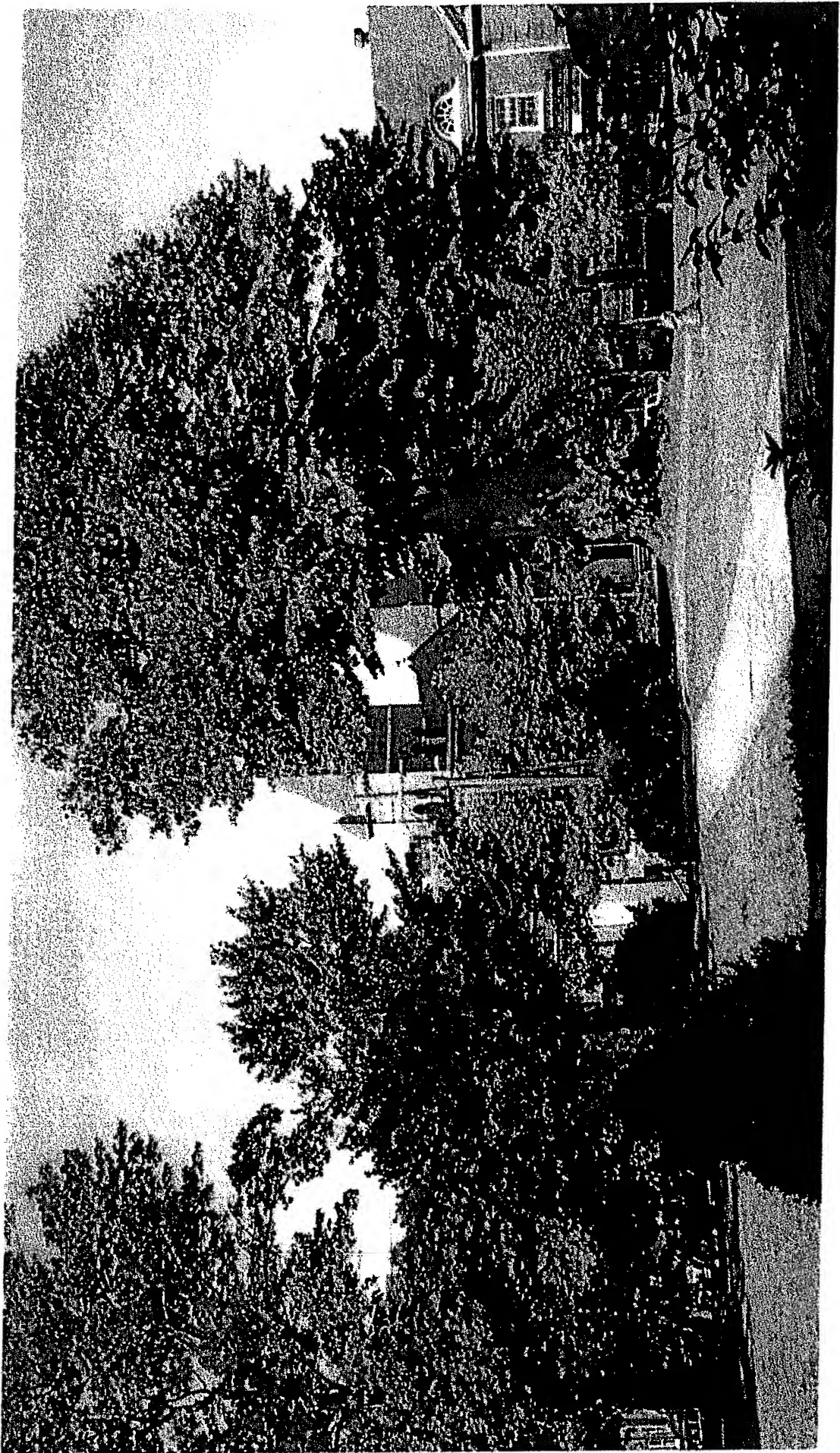
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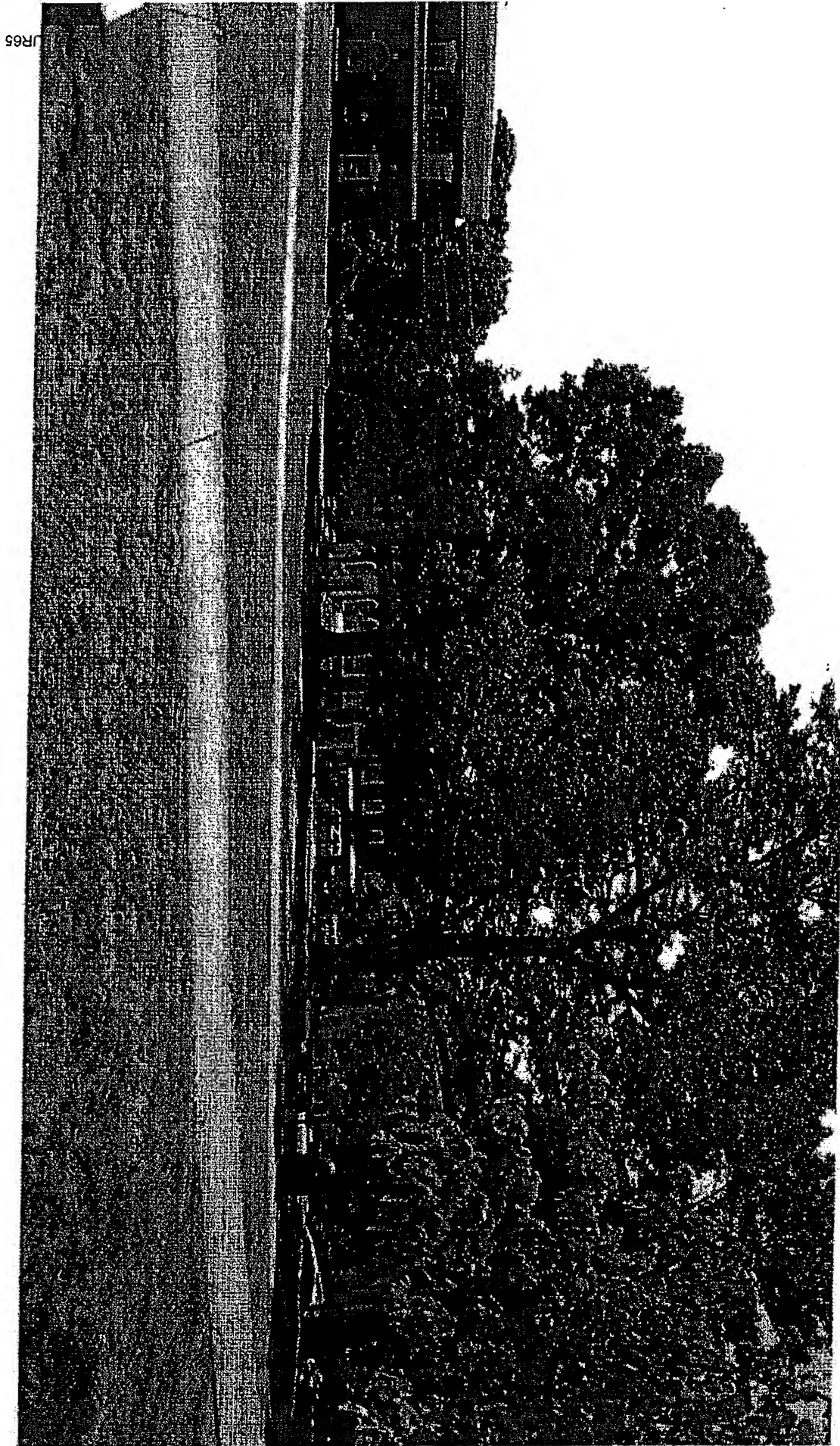
Commander BFO Division 5 by: _____ Date: _____

Bass by: _____ Date _____

BFO by: _____ Date _____









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Charlottesville Weather and Associated Risks

- As of 8/10/17: Extended Forecast
- 87 degrees Hi, 66 degrees low (night)
- Cloudy; **HUMID** with a couple of thunderstorms possible; 55% precipitation potential; 18% precipitation potential in the evening. Cloudy in the morning, then intervals of clouds and sunshine in the afternoon
- Moon-phase: Waning Gibbous (78% visibility)
- Sunset: 2012



The Charlottesville Police Department Plan was included in the VSP Plan as pages UR98-143.



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Chesterfield, Virginia

August 10, 2017

TO: Sergeant Rich Culp
Sergeant Jeff Bush

FROM: Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen

SUBJECT: Unite the Right Aviation Plan

The schedule for the weekend / ops plan

